

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
)	
Michael A. FISCHER)	
)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: To be assigned)	
Divisional of Application No.: 09/718,785)	Examiner: Unassigned
)	
Filed: January 23, 2004)	
)	
For: LOW PRESSURE, EXTENDED)	
COVERAGE, UPRIGHT FIRE)	
PROTECTION SPRINKLER)	

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
2011 South Clark Place
Customer Window, Mail Stop Patent Application
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced divisional application. The listed documents were previously cited in the co-pending parent Application No. 09/718,785, filed on November 22, 2000, upon which Applicant relies upon for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed documents are not being submitted herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

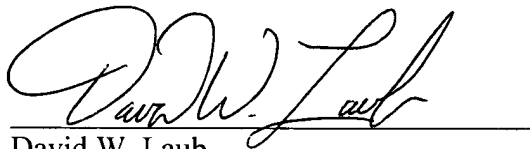
If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP

Dated: January 23, 2004

By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David W. Laub", written over a horizontal line.

David W. Laub
Registration No. 38,708

Customer No.: 009629
MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP
1111 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004
Tel: 202-739-3000
Fax: 202-739-3001

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION

(Use several sheets if necessary)

PTO Form 1449Attorney Docket No.
052250-5014-01Application No.:
Unassigned

Applicant: Michael A. FISCHER

Page 1 of 2

Filing Date: January 23, 2004

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date
		269,930	01/1883	A.S. Harris			
		433,477	08/1890	V. Lapham			
		514,162	02/1894	R.W. Newton			
		575,121	01/1897	V. Lapham			
		3,653,444	04/1972	W.L. Livingston			
		3,722,596	03/1973	W.L. Livingston			
		3,812,915	05/1974	W.L. Livingston			
		3,818,994	06/1994	W.L. Livingston			
		4,136,740	01/1979	R.T. Groos et al.			
		4,296,816	10/1981	M.A. Fischer			
		4,893,679	01/1990	J.M. Martin et al.			
		5,366,022	11/1994	G.G. Meyer et al.			
		5,579,846	12/1996	G.G. Meyer et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	<u>Translation</u> YES NO	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

--	--	--

Examiner

Date Considered

Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION (Use several sheets if necessary) PTO Form 1449	Attorney Docket No. 052250-5014-01	Application No.: Unassigned
	Applicant: Michael A. FISCHER Page 2 of 2	
	Filing Date: January 23, 2004	Group Art Unit: Unassigned

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date
	5,584,344	12/1996	G.G. Meyer et al.			
	5,609,211	03/1997	G.G. Meyer et al.			
	5,644,630	09/1997	G.G. Meyer et al.			
	5,829,532	11/1998	S.J. Meyer et al.			
	5,862,994	01/1999	D.B. Pounder et al.			
	5,915,479	06/1999	G.W. Ponte			
	2,697,008	12/1954	Rowley			
	4,113,021	9/1978	Werner			
	5,839,667	11/1998	Fischer			
	4,296,815	10/1981	Mears			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation YES NO

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
	"APPROVAL STANDARD FOR EARLY SUPPRESSION-FAST RESPONSE (ESFR) AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS", Class Number 2008; August 1996; Factory Mutual Research Corporation; pp. 1-47
	"INSTALLATION OF SPRINKLER SYSTEMS"; NFPA 13, 1999 Edition; National Fire Protection Association
	"APPROVAL STANDARD FOR AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS FOR FIRE PROTECTION"; Class Series 2000; May 1998; Factory Mutual Corporation pp. 1-90.
Examiner	Date Considered
Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	